Tourism related projects

1342. SHRI M. A. BABY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of the tourism related projects with central assistance in different States and Union Territories expected to be completed during the year 1994-95 ;

(b) the details of the tourism related projects with central assistance in different states and Union Territories which are expected to be launched or sanctioned during the year 1994-95, with the details of the central assistance and overall investment for each project ; and

(c) the monetory allocation for the year 1994-95 and the time frame for completion of the projects ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (c) Implementation of tourism projects with Centtal assistance is the responsibility of the State Governments. Financial assistance is extended to States and Union Territories on project to project basis. The projects expected to be launched/ sanctioned during 1994-95 are yet to be received from the States and Union Territories. It would not be possible to indicate monetary allocations for the next year at this stage.

दिल्ली और बम्बई के अन्तरराष्ट्रीय विमान-पत्तनों का आधुनिकीकरण

1343. श्री राम नरेश यादव :

श्री सुरेश कलमाडी :

क्या **नागर विमानन और पर्यटन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार दिल्ली और बम्बई के अन्तरराष्ट्रीय विमानपत्तनों को आधुनिक बनाने पर विचार कर रही है,

(ख) यदि हां, तो विमानपत्तनों के सौन्दर्य-करण पर अनुमानत : कुल कितनी राशि व्यय की जायेगी, और

(ग) उक्त कार्य को कितने समय में पूरा कर लिया जाएगा ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) : (क) से (ग) जी, हां। दिल्ली और बंबई हवाई अड्डों पर 352 करोड़ रुपए की कुल लागत से हवाई यातायात सेवाओं के आधुनिकीकरण का कार्य किया जा रहा है। इस कार्य के अक्तूबर, 1995 तक पूरा हो जाने की आशा है।

Organistions without Chairman/MD

1344. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number and names of the Enterprises and undertakings iunder the administrative control of the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism which are without Chairman or Managing Director ; and

(b) what steps Government have taken/ propose to take to fill up these vacancies ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) The posts of Chairman, National Airports Authority (NAA) and International Airports Authority of India (IAAT) are at present vacant. Joint Secretary in the Ministry who is a member on the Boards of these two authorities is discharging the functions of the Chairman, NAA and TAAT, in addition to his own duties.

Action has already been initiated to fill up the above posts.

Leasing of the ITDC hotels to private sector

1345. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to lease out the state-owned India Tourism Development Corporation Hotels to the private sector ;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ; and

(c) what are the detailed guide lines for leasing of the ITDC hotels ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Repair of crashlanding airbus A-300

1346. SMT. KAMLA SINHA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Airbus A-300 of the Indian Airlines which crash-landed into a rice field near Tirupati in November, 1993 is still lying there ;

(b) what steps government intend to take with regard to the repair of this aircraft ; and

(c) how economically viable is such repair, particularly in view of the losses already incurred by Indian Airlines in the current financial year ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There is no proposal to repair this aircraft as the Insurers have agreed to consider the aircraft as constructive total loss and settle the insurance claim at the full insured value of the aircraft. Therefore the aircraft, in its damaged condition, will be the property of Insurers.

Vacancies of trainee pilots for SC/ST in Air India

1347. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Air India has a number of vancies for the post of "Trainee Pilots" for the SC/ST.

(b) if so, what are the details thereof for the last three years, year-wise ;

(c) the number of SC/ST category candidates selected each year for the post "Trainee Pilots".

(d) whether there is any backlog of unfilled vacanices of "Trainee Pilots" of SC/ST category in Air India at present.

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor ;

(f) whether Government propose to fill up the backlog at the earliest ; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (g) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Ordeal of Air India Passengers for Hong Kong via Delhi

1348. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in the Pioneer dated the 18th January, 94 regarding the ordeal of Air India passengers for Hong Kong via Delhi ;

(b) if so, whether Government have inquired into the matter ;

(c) if so, what is the factul position ; and

(d) what action has been taken by Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Due to bad weather conditions at Delhi airport on 15-1-94, four flights of Air India returned to Bombay and three flights overflew Delhi before landing at Bombay. Air India flight No. 310 of 15-1-94 returned to Bombay and it was not possible to make arrangements for operation of another flight immediately. The flight was later cancelled due to Engineering and operational constraints. Since large number of passengers were in transit, it was not possible to provide hotel accomodation to all the stranded passengers. However, Air India provided assistence to the stranded passengers to the extent possible.